

**REMARKS**

In the June 21, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-18 were pending in the application; allowed claims 1-17; and rejected claim 18 under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Claim 18 has been cancelled. Therefore, the application is in condition for allowance.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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